

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring an image handling at least one  
~~network~~ device communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:

obtaining, by a first monitoring device ~~computer~~ over the network, device information  
of the image handling at least one network device, the device information including (1) status  
information obtained from sensors of the image handling at least one network device, and (2)  
a device identification of the image handling device;

storing, by the first monitoring device, the obtained device information;

processing the stored device information by the first monitoring device to generate a  
period usage report for the ~~at least one network~~ image handling device, wherein the period  
usage report is based on the status information obtained over a predetermined period of time;

transmitting the usage report over the network from the first monitoring device  
~~computer~~ to a second ~~computer~~ monitoring device; and

receiving the usage report by the second monitoring device ~~computer~~,

wherein the first ~~computer~~ monitoring device is remote from the image handling at  
~~least one network~~ device, and the first ~~computer~~ monitoring device is the first ~~computer~~  
device to obtain the device information from the image handling at least one network device.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the transmitting step  
comprises:

transmitting the usage report to the second ~~computer~~ monitoring device at a  
predetermined time or upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the image handling ~~at least one network device~~ is ~~includes~~ a copier, and the usage report includes a number of copies made by the copier over a the predetermined period.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
translating the usage report into HTML or Excel format.

5. (Currently Amended) A system for monitoring an image handling ~~at least one network device~~ communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:

means for obtaining, by a first monitoring device ~~computer~~ over the network, device information of the ~~at least one network~~ image handling device, the device information including (1) status information obtained from sensors of the image handling ~~at least one network device~~, and (2) a device identification of the image handling device;

means for storing, by the first monitoring device, the obtained device information;

means for processing the stored device information by the first monitoring device to generate a period usage report for the ~~at least one network~~ image handling device, wherein the period usage report is based on the status information obtained over a predetermined period of time;

means for transmitting the usage report over the network from the first monitoring device ~~computer~~ to a second monitoring device ~~computer~~; and

means for receiving the usage report by the second monitoring device ~~computer~~,

wherein the first monitoring device ~~computer~~ is remote from the ~~at least one network~~ image handling device, and the first ~~computer~~ monitoring device is the first ~~computer~~ device to obtain the device information from ~~the at least one network~~ the image handling device.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for transmitting comprises:

means for transmitting the usage report to the second monitoring device ~~computer~~ at a predetermined time or upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for processing comprises:

means for generating a usage report for a copier, the usage report including a number of copies made by the copier over ~~[[a]]~~ the predetermined period.

8. (Original) The system of claim 5, further comprising:

means for translating the usage report into HTML or Excel format.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer program product having a computer usable medium for monitoring ~~at least one network~~ an image handling device communicatively coupled to a network, comprising:

instructions for obtaining, by a first monitoring device ~~computer~~ over the network, device information of the image handling ~~at least one network~~ device, the device information including (1) status information obtained from sensors of the ~~at least one network~~ image handling device, and (2) a device identification of the image handling device;

instructions for storing, by the first monitoring device, the obtained device information;

instructions for processing by the first monitoring device the stored device information to generate a period usage report for the image handling ~~at least one network~~

device, wherein the period usage report is based on the status information obtained over a predetermined period of time;

instructions for transmitting the usage report over the network from the first ~~computer~~ monitoring device to a second monitoring device ~~computer~~; and

instructions for receiving the usage report by the second monitoring device ~~computer~~,  
wherein the first monitoring device ~~computer~~ is remote from the image handling at ~~least one network~~ device, and the first monitoring device ~~computer~~ is the first device ~~computer~~ to obtain the device information from the image handling at ~~least one network~~ device.

10. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the instructions for transmitting comprise:

instructions for transmitting the usage report to the second ~~computer~~ monitoring device at a predetermined time or upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.

11. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the image handling at ~~least one network~~ device ~~includes is~~ a copier, and the usage report includes a number of copies made by the copier over the ~~the~~ [[a]] predetermined period.

12. (Original) The computer program product of claim 9, further comprising:  
instructions for translating the usage report into HTML or Excel format.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the processing step comprises:

processing the stored device information to generate the period usage report on one of a monthly and a weekly basis.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for processing comprises:

means for processing the stored device information to generate the period usage report on one of a monthly and a weekly basis.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the processing step comprises:

processing the stored device information to generate the period usage report on one of a monthly and a weekly basis.